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FROM MAESTRONE

1. BASED UPON EMBASSY AND CONGEN ALEXANDRIA REVIEW OF WHEAT HANDLING SITUATION AT ALEXANDRIA PORT, WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT GENERAL WHEAT LOSSES DUE TO POOR HANDLING OR UNSATISFACTORY STORAGE CONDITIONS THERE HAVE REACHED THE EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF 10 TO 20 PER CENT ESTIMATED BY SS MARYLAND TRADER CAPTAIN (REFTEL A). ALTHOUGH PARTICULAR LOAD TO WHICH HE REFERRED MAY HAVE SUFFERED MORE THAN USUAL LOSS.

2. PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI, WHEN HE HEARD REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN'S HIGH ESTIMATE, STOUTLY DENIED THIS WAS SITUATION AND MAINTAINED THAT SPOILAGE RATE WAS MUCH LOWER AND, INDEED, WAY LESS THAN EXPECTED, GIVEN HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME.

3. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT SPOILAGE WAS CERTAINLY GREATER WHEN UNLOADING TOOK PLACE DURING HEAVY WINTER RAINS, UNUSUALLY EXPEDITIOUS REMOVAL OF RAIN-EXPOSED WHEAT FROM
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DOCKS DIRECTLY TO MILLS HELD THESE LOSSES TO MINIMUM

(REFTEL B). OUR INQUIRIES ALSO INDICATE THAT DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN OUTRIGHT LOSS OF WHEAT AND ITS SPOILAGE IN HANDLING PROCESS. NORMAL TRANSIT LOSS IS ESTIMATED IN THE ONE HALF TO ONE PERCENT CATEGORY, AND AS NOT EXCEEDING TWO PERCENT AT MAXIMUM. LOSS DUE TO MOISTURE DAMAGE HAS BEEN MORE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE, BUT PROBABLY DOES NOT RUN INTO GREATLY HIGHER FIGURES.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT REFTTEL B GIVES A FAIRLY ACCURATE PICTURE OF GENERAL SITUATION AT ALEXANDRIA PORT. CONGEN ALEXANDRIA, AS RESULT OF ITS CONTACTS WITH MINISTRIES OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND SUPPLY AND WITH ALEXANDRIA PORT DIRECTOR IS CONVINCED THAT EGYPTIANS ARE COPING ENERGETICALLY WITH THEIR MANY ADMITTED PROBLEMS.
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